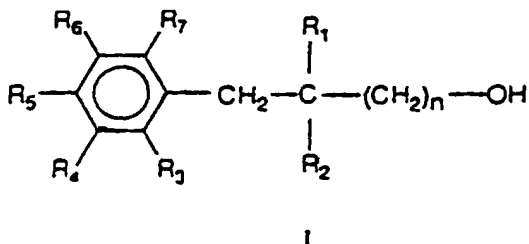


a compound according to formula I:



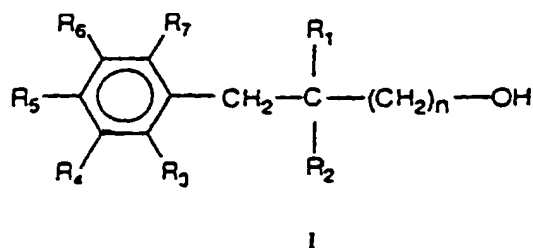
wherein,

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R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen or is selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl, uninterrupted or interrupted by oxygen and/or sulphur atoms, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkenyl and C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkynyl;

R<sub>2</sub> is selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl, uninterrupted or interrupted by oxygen and/or sulphur atoms, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkenyl and C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkynyl; and

each of R<sub>3</sub> to R<sub>7</sub> independently, is hydrogen, halogen, nitrile or thiocyanate, or selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl, uninterrupted or interrupted by oxygen and/or sulphur atoms, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkenyl and C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkynyl, optionally attached to the aromatic ring by -S- or -O-, and n is 1 or 2, with the proviso that when R<sub>1</sub> and all groups R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are hydrogen and R<sub>5</sub> is methyl, isopropyl, tert-butyl, or methoxy, then n = 2.

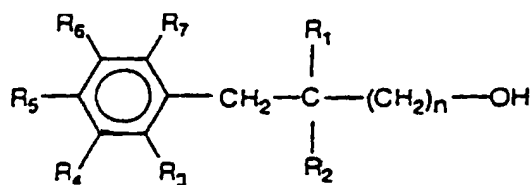
22. (Amended) A method of disinfecting a surface comprising the step of applying a disinfectant to said surface, said disinfectant comprising:  
a compound selected from alcohols, surfactants and solvents; and  
a compound according to formula I according to formula I:



wherein,

- $\text{R}_1$  is hydrogen or is selected from  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$  alkyl, uninterrupted or interrupted by oxygen and/or sulphur atoms,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_8$  alkenyl and  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$  alkynyl;
- $\text{R}_2$  is selected from  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$  alkyl, uninterrupted or interrupted by oxygen and/or sulphur atoms,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_8$  alkenyl and  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$  alkynyl; and
- each of  $\text{R}_3$  to  $\text{R}_7$  independently, is hydrogen, halogen, nitrile or thiocyanate, or selected from  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$  alkyl, uninterrupted or interrupted by oxygen and/or sulphur atoms,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_8$  alkenyl and  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$  alkynyl, optionally attached to the aromatic ring by -S- or -O-, and  $n$  is 1 or 2, with the proviso that when  $\text{R}_1$  and all groups  $\text{R}_3$ ,  $\text{R}_4$ ,  $\text{R}_6$  and  $\text{R}_7$  are hydrogen and  $\text{R}_5$  is methyl, isopropyl, tert-butyl, or methoxy, then  $n = 2$ .

24. (Amended) A method of deodorizing a surface comprising the step of applying a disinfectant to said surface, said deodorant comprising:  
a compound selected from alcohols, surfactants and solvents; and  
a compound according to formula I:

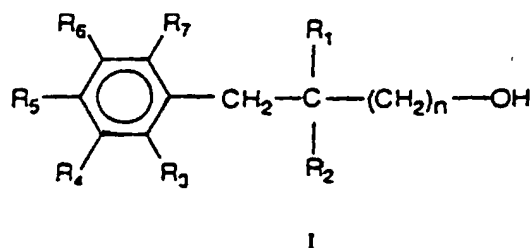


wherein,

- 12*  $R_1$  is hydrogen or is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, uninterrupted or interrupted by oxygen and/or sulphur atoms,  $C_2$ - $C_8$  alkenyl and  $C_3$ - $C_8$  alkynyl;
- $R_2$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, uninterrupted or interrupted by oxygen and/or sulphur atoms,  $C_2$ - $C_8$  alkenyl and  $C_3$ - $C_8$  alkynyl; and
- each of  $R_3$  to  $R_7$  independently, is hydrogen, halogen, nitrile or thiocyanate, or selected from  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, uninterrupted or interrupted by oxygen and/or sulphur atoms,  $C_2$ - $C_8$  alkenyl and  $C_3$ - $C_8$  alkynyl, optionally attached to the aromatic ring by -S- or -O-, and  $n$  is 1 or 2, with the proviso that when  $R_1$  and all groups  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  are hydrogen and  $R_5$  is methyl, isopropyl, tert-butyl, or methoxy, then  $n = 2$ .

Please add new claims 26 - 42 as follows:

-- 26. Process for the production of a compound of formula I:



wherein,

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen;

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R<sub>2</sub> is selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl, uninterrupted or interrupted by oxygen and/or sulphur atoms, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkenyl and C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkynyl; and

each of R<sub>3</sub> to R<sub>7</sub> independently, is hydrogen, halogen, nitrile or thiocyanate, or selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl, uninterrupted or interrupted by oxygen and/or sulphur atoms, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkenyl and C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkynyl, optionally attached to the aromatic ring by -S- or -O-, and n is 1 or 2;

with the proviso, that

i) when all groups R<sub>3</sub> through R<sub>7</sub> are hydrogen, then

n = 2;

ii) when all groups R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are hydrogen and R<sub>5</sub> is methyl, isopropyl, tert-butyl, or methoxy, then n = 2;

- iii) when  $R_3$ ,  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  are hydrogen,  $R_2$  is methyl, and  $R_4$  and/or  $R_5$  are hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl, then  $n = 2$ ;
- iv) when  $R_4$  through  $R_7$  are hydrogen,  $R_2$  is methyl or ethyl, and  $R_3$  is methyl or methoxy, then  $n = 2$ ;
- v) when  $R_3$ ,  $R_5$  and  $R_7$  are hydrogen,  $R_2$  is methyl,  $R_4$  and  $R_6$  are methyl or  $R_4$  is hydrogen and  $R_6$  is methyl, then  $n = 2$ ; and
- vi) when  $R_2$  is butyl,  $R_3$  and  $R_5$  are chloride, and all other groups  $R_4$ ,  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  are hydrogen, then  $n = 2$ ;

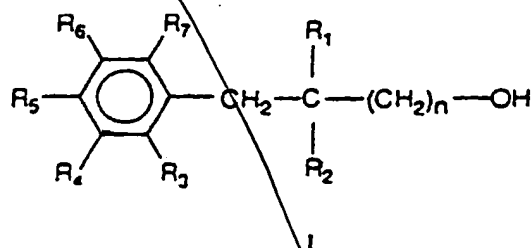
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said process comprising the steps of:

- a) monoalkylating a malonic acid dialkyl ester to introduce the group  $R_2$ ;
- b) dialkylating the monoalkylated malonic acid alkyl ester with a benzyl halide optionally substituted at the aromatic ring to introduce the groups  $R_3$  through  $R_7$  which are other than hydrogen;
- c) saponifying and decarboxylating the dialkylated malonic acid dialkyl ester to form a corresponding 3-aryl-substituted propionic acid, and
- d) reducing the 3-aryl-substituted propionic acid to form a desired alcohol of formula I.

27. A disinfectant, antiseptic, antimycotic, deodorant or preservative comprising:

a compound selected from alcohols, surfactants and solvents; and

at least one compound according to formula I:



wherein,

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 $R_1$  is hydrogen or is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, uninterrupted or interrupted by oxygen and/or sulphur atoms,  $C_2$ - $C_8$  alkenyl and  $C_3$ - $C_8$  alkynyl;

$R_2$  is selected from  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl, uninterrupted or interrupted by oxygen and/or sulphur atoms,  $C_2$ - $C_8$  alkenyl and  $C_3$ - $C_8$  alkynyl; and

each of  $R_3$  to  $R_7$  independently, is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, halogen, nitrile or thiocyanate, uninterrupted or interrupted by oxygen and/or sulphur atoms,  $C_2$ - $C_8$  alkenyl and  $C_3$ - $C_8$  alkynyl, optionally attached to the aromatic ring by -S- or -O-, and  $n$  is 1 or 2,

with the proviso, that

i) when  $R_1$  and all groups  $R_3$  through  $R_7$  are hydrogen, then

$n = 2$ ;

ii) when  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl and

a) all groups  $R_3$  to  $R_7$  are hydrogen, or

b)  $R_5$  is methyl, methoxy or chloride, and all other groups  $R_3$ ,

$R_4$ ,  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  are hydrogen,

then  $n = 2$ ;

iii) when  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_4$  are methyl and all groups  $R_3$  and  $R_5$  through  $R_7$  are hydrogen, then  $n = 2$ ;

iv) when  $R_1$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  are hydrogen,  $R_2$  is methyl, and  $R_4$  and/or  $R_5$  are hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl, then  $n = 2$ ;

v) when  $R_1$  and  $R_4$  through  $R_7$  are hydrogen,  $R_2$  is methyl or ethyl, and  $R_3$  is methyl or methoxy, then  $n = 2$ ;

vi) when  $R_1$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_5$  and  $R_7$  are hydrogen,  $R_2$  is methyl,  $R_4$  and  $R_6$  are methyl or  $R_4$  is hydrogen and  $R_6$  is methyl, then  $n = 2$ ; and

vii) when  $R_1$  is hydrogen,  $R_2$  is butyl,  $R_3$  and  $R_5$  are chloride, and all other groups  $R_4$ ,  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  are hydrogen, then  $n = 2$ .

28. A disinfectant, antiseptic, antimycotic, deodorant or preservative according to claim 27, wherein  $R_3$  to  $R_7$  are hydrogen,  $R_1$  is hydrogen,  $R_2$  is hydrogen and  $n$  is 1.

29. A disinfectant, antiseptic, antimycotic, deodorant or preservative according to claim 27, wherein  $R_3$  to  $R_7$  are hydrogen,  $R_1$  is hydrogen,  $R_2$  is methyl, and  $n$  is 1.

30. A disinfectant, antiseptic, antimycotic, deodorant or preservative  
according to claim 27, wherein  $R_3$  and  $R_5$  to  $R_7$  are hydrogen,  $R_4$  is methyl,  
 $R_1$  is hydrogen,  $R_2$  is methyl, and  $n$  is 1.

31. A disinfectant, antiseptic, antimycotic, deodorant or preservative  
according to claim 27, wherein  $R_3$  to  $R_7$  are hydrogen,  $R_1$  is hydrogen,  $R_2$   
is ethyl, and  $n$  is 1.

32. A disinfectant, antiseptic, antimycotic, deodorant or preservative  
according to claim 27, wherein  $R_3$  and  $R_5$  to  $R_7$  are hydrogen,  $R_4$  is methyl,  
 $R_1$  is hydrogen,  $R_2$  is ethyl, and  $n$  is 1.

33. A disinfectant, antiseptic, antimycotic, deodorant or preservative  
according to claim 27, wherein  $R_3$  and  $R_5$  to  $R_7$  are hydrogen,  $R_4$  is  
chlorine,  $R_1$  is hydrogen,  $R_2$  is ethyl and  $n$  is 1.

34. A disinfectant, antiseptic, antimycotic, deodorant or preservative  
according to claim 27, wherein  $R_4$  to  $R_7$  are hydrogen,  $R_3$  is chlorine,  $R_1$  is  
hydrogen,  $R_2$  is ethyl and  $n$  is 1.



35. A disinfectant, antiseptic, antimycotic, deodorant or preservative according to claim 27, wherein <sup>10</sup>are hydrogen, R<sub>5</sub> is chlorine, R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>2</sub> is ethyl and n is 1.
36. A disinfectant, antiseptic, antimycotic, deodorant or preservative according to claim 27, wherein <sup>10</sup>are hydrogen, R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are chlorine, R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>2</sub> is ethyl and n is 1.
37. A disinfectant, antiseptic, antimycotic, deodorant or preservative according to claim 27, wherein R<sub>4</sub> to R<sub>7</sub> are hydrogen, R<sub>3</sub> is methyl, R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>2</sub> is ethyl and n is 1.
38. A disinfectant, antiseptic, antimycotic, deodorant or preservative according to claim 27, wherein R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are hydrogen, R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are methyl, R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>2</sub> is ethyl and n is 1.
39. A disinfectant, antiseptic, antimycotic, deodorant or preservative according to claim 27, wherein R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> to R<sub>7</sub> are hydrogen, R<sub>4</sub> is methoxy, R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen, R<sub>2</sub> is ethyl and n is 1.

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40. A disinfectant, antiseptic, antimycotic, deodorant or preservative according to claim 27, wherein  $R_3$ ,  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  are hydrogen,  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  are methoxy,  $R_1$  is hydrogen,  $R_2$  is ethyl and  $n$  is 1.
41. A disinfectant, antiseptic, antimycotic, deodorant or preservative according to claim 27, wherein  $R_3$  to  $R_7$  are hydrogen,  $R_1$  is hydrogen,  $R_2$  is butylene, and  $n$  is 1.
42. A disinfectant, antiseptic, antimycotic, deodorant or preservative according to claim 27, wherein  $R_3$  to  $R_7$  are hydrogen,  $R_1$  is hydrogen,  $R_2$  is pentyl and  $n$  is 1.--
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